Montreal Canadiens by Far the Best

Montreal Canadiens are hockey's equivalent of the New York Yankees, a club with an unparallelled history of success.

Les Habitants, the Flying Frenchmen, or whatever you like to call them, have been Stanley Cup finalists for nine seasons in a row, own a new hockey record of four successive cup triumphs in a streak which has seen them win the National Hockey League championship three times, finish second five times and third once.

They started their streak of nine straight finals in 1951, when they finished in the show position with a 25-30-15 record. They upended the champion Detroit Red Wings in the semi-finals but were beaten, 4-1, in the final by the Toronto Maple Leafs.

The next four seasons saw Canadiens finish second each time, behind the Red Wings who were completing their record skein of seven straight NHL championships. The Wings went on to win the Stanley Cup in three of the four years, the Canadiens cracking through in 1953.

Then the Montreal team took over. They won the NHL title in 1956 and dumped the Wings in the Stanley Cup final. Canadiens finished second, again to Detroit, in 1957, but bested Boston in the cup final. The last two years, the Canadiens have completed hockey's biggest double with Boston and Toronto the victims in the cup final.

During their nine-season streak, the Canadiens won 325 games, lost 204 and tied 111 in league play.

Eleven of the 18 players who were in the line-up in last night's clinching game share the record of playing on four successive Stanley Cup winners—goalkeeper Jacques Plante, defencemen Doug Harvey, Bob Turner, Tom Johnson and Jean-Guy Talbot, and forwards Maurice and Henri Richard, Bernie Geoffrion, Dickie Moore, Claude Provost and Don Marshall. You can add Jean Beliveau, who sat out all of the five games in the final because of injuries, to the list.

Joining the club for the 1956-57 season and playing on their third straight-up winner were Phil Goyette and Andre Pronovost. Junior Langlois and Marcel Bonin have two straight wins to their credit while rookies Ab McDonald, Ralph Backstrom and Bill Hicke, brought up from Rochester as a replacement for Beliveau, are Stanley Cup freshmen.

Best record of all is held by coach Toe Blake who has won the Stanley Cup in his four seasons as head of an NHL club.

That the Canadiens may extend their streak seems likely. Although Maurice Richard, at 37, must be considered near the end of a great career, the club is a young one.

Harvey, 34, and Johnson, 31, are real veterans but both seem good for two or three more seasons. Behind their three oldsters, the Canadiens have plenty of youth. Plante seems better than ever at 30 and there are three comparatively young defencemen in Talbot (26), Turner (25) and Langlois (24).

Up front, Moore and Geoffrion are still in their prime at 28, Henri Richard and McDonald are 23, Hicke and Backstrom only 21, Pronovost 22, Goyette and Provost 25, Bonin and Marshall 27 and Beliveau just reaching his peak at 27.

And there are quite a number of red-hot prospects coming up in what is recognized as hockey's most-productive farm system.

Habs Win Fourth Stanley Cup With 5-3 Victory Over Leafs

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'Greatest Yet' Yells Blake

MONTREAL—There was the expected bedlam in the dressing room of the Montreal Canadiens last night. Players yelled, flash bulbs popped, favored fans and officials trooped in for congratulations and radio and TV men struggled for interviews.

"This has got to be the greatest team yet," exulted Montreal-coach Toe Blake. "They deserved to win for coming through without the big guys."

He meant Jean Beliveau, who missed all the final, and Rocket Richard, who saw limited action and never played at all in the clincher.

"Those guys aren't just ordinary players" Blake continued They are top-notch playoff players."

Richard, who refused a chance to play late in the game—"those fellows are winning the game, so let them win it"—had little to say. Questioned about continuing his great career next season he replied, "I'll answer that next fall when we go to training camp. Come see me then."

Boom Boom Geoffrion, the star of the last two games, came in for special mention from Blake.

"He made a big difference. Without him we might have had trouble."

Coach Punch Imlach of the losers took his defeat in stride although visibly disappointed.

"We missed too many chances," he said. "Things weren't going for us. Ehman missed two big chances in the second period. If he had got those goals things might have been different but let's face it, Canadiens are a great team. They've been the best for the last four years and I'd be the last guy to knock them."

MONTREAL—Opening up from the start with an impressive attack which left little doubt of the outcome, Montreal Canadiens last night won an unprecedented fourth straight Stanley Cup by outscoring Toronto's game Maple Leafs, 5-3, in the fifth game of the best-of-seven final.

But before the final whistle ended one of the most thrilling cup finals ever, the Canadiens were to need their huge 5-1 lead. Scrapping back and gaining the initiative when the Canadians semed to relax, the Leafs scored twice in the latter part of the third period, made the last four minutes hectic ones indeed for a starry Jacques Plante as they missed getting a fourth goal by a hair on at least a half dozen occasions.

Leafs took out goalkeeper Johnny Bower with two minutes and 33 seconds remaining for an all-out attack which kept the puck in Montreal territory almost continuously and created one mad scramble after another in front of the Montreal goal.

They couldn't, however, get the puck past Plante a fourth time. The colorful goalkeeper was never better than he was last night as he came up time and again with tremendous stops. He got in front of 39 shots, 15 in each of the first and third periods.

Sharing honors with Plante were rookie Ralph Backstrom, who faces a great hockey future, and linemate Bernie Geoffrion, whose return to form after an injury near the end of the season was the deciding factor in the last two games. Backstrom got that important first goal and set up three others while Geoffrion blazed two shots past Bower and set up Backstrom for his goal.

Canadiens opened up in business-like fashion, obviously determined to prevent the Leafs from getting off to a fast start, but had to mark time when Backstrom got a penalty at 1.44.

BAD PENALTY

But big Frank Mahovlich took a bad penalty a minute later and the Leafs were playing a man short when Backstrom came out of the left corner, wheeled, and fired a hard, rising shot to the far top corner.

Leafs held out for more than nine minutes, then Geoffrion sizzled one which Bower seemed to misjudge. The puck hit the underside of his right arm and deflected down into the nets. Less than three minutes later, Tom Johnson rifled in a low, screened shot from about 50 feet which deflected off Tim Horton and Canadiens had a 3-0 lead and the cup all but wrapped up.

Bob Pulford got one back early in the second period on a neat play as Canadiens let down a bit but the Montreal team answered the challenge almost immediately. They came back to attack and Marcel Bonin came in at full speed to grab a close-in pass from Henri Richard, draw Bower out, and slip the puck behind him.

In the last minute of the period, Geoffrion clicked again with one of his steamers during a power play, the puck again glancing off Horton.

It seemed just a matter of playing out the final 20 minutes, even after Mahovlich made it 5-2 with a long shot which Plante appeared not to see. But when Olmstead backhanded one in at 16.19, the Leafs saw a ray of hope and came up with the all-out attack which had the huge crowd of 14,790 wondering if they might not do the impossible and force overtime.

TORONTO—Goal: Bower; defence: Baun, Brewer, Horton, Stanley, Reaume; forwards: Harris, Mahovlich, Ehman, Regan, Armstrong, Duff, Pulford, Stewart, Olmstead, Creighton, Barry Cullen, Brian Cullen.

Montreal—Goal: Plante; defence: Harvey, Turner, Johnson, Talbot, Langlois; forwards: Backstrom, McDonald, Geoffrion, H. Richard, Bonin, Moore, Goyette, Pronovost, Provost, Marshall, Hicke, M. Richard.

Referee: Eddie Powers; linesmen: George Hayes, Art Skov.

FIRST PERIOD

1. Montreal, Backstrom (Geoffrion, Moore) 4.13.
2. Montreal, Geoffrion (Backstrom, Harvey) 13.42.
3. Montreal, Johnson (Backstrom) 16.26.

Penalties: Backstrom 1.44, Mahovlich 2.44, Pulford, Harvey 10.24, Stewart 14.03.

SECOND PERIOD

4. Toronto, Pulford (Armstrong, Brewer) 4.27.
5. Montreal, Bonin (H. Richard, Harvey) 9.55.
6. Montreal, Geoffrion (Backstrom, Johnson) 19.25.

Penalties: Harvey 4.10, Brewer 18.29.

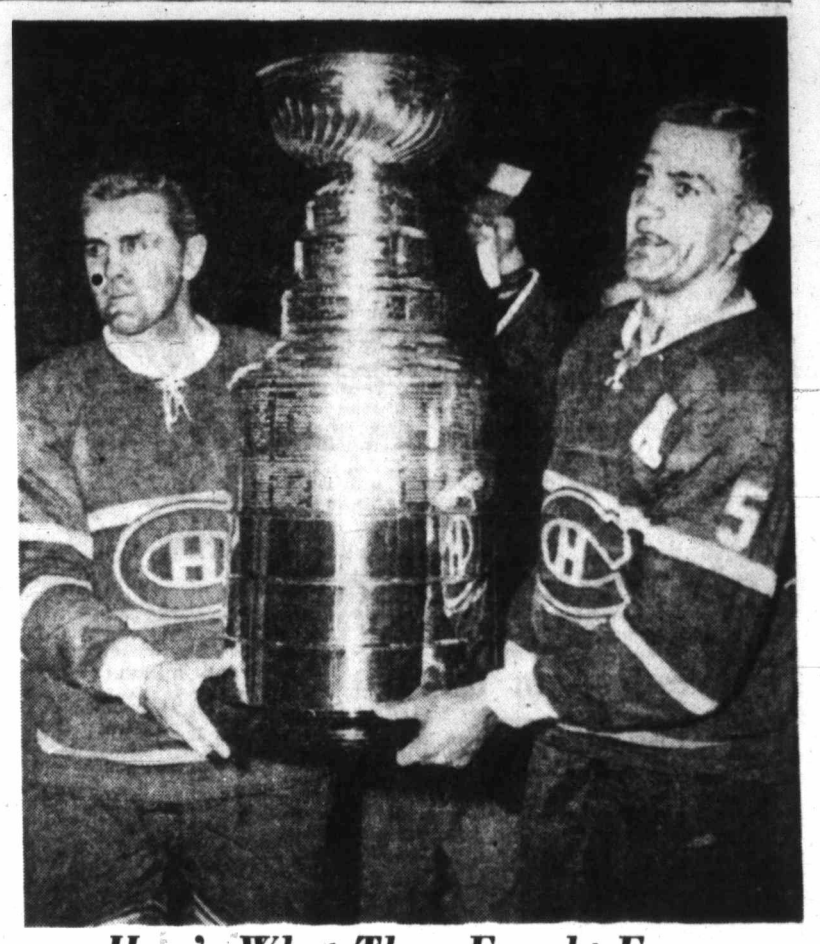
THIRD PERIOD

7. Toronto, Mahovlich (Harris, Ehman) 12.07.
8. Toronto, Olmstead (Ehman) 16.19.

Penalties: Harvey 7.03, Baun 15.12, Moore 15.59.

Stops:

Bower	15	7	9	31
Plante	15	9	15	39



Here's What They Fought For

Relaxed and happy after unprecedented fourth straight Stanley Cup triumph, Maurice Richard, left, and Bernie Geoffrion of Montreal Canadiens pose with coveted NHL trophy following 5-3 wrap-up victory over Toronto.—(AP Photofax)

IT BEATS ME

By Jim Tang

JACQUES PLANTE must have convinced everyone last night that he has been paying a penalty for having the good fortune to tend goal for the Montreal Canadiens. Plante has won the Vezina Trophy four straight seasons but only once has he been named to the all-star team, selectors undoubtedly downgrading his play because he has always been with a championship team. He showed last night that he has done his share in making Canadiens a championship club . . . Dickie Moore and Jean Beliveau split the money given each year to the top two scorers in the National Hockey League—$1,000 for the point champion and $500 for the runner-up. It was only fair, Beliveau's great play putting Moore in front and keeping him there. But Moore was well in front of Beliveau when the two were put on the same line and the big centre had almost no chance of winning . . . No one out this way can be sorry that there is little hope that the Edinburgh Trophy series will be revived. It was a meaningless thing this series between the playoff champions of the Western and Quebec Hockey Leagues, extending an overlong season into May . . . and for the suspicious who show up each Stanley Cup series insisting that the teams extend the series for gate receipts, the record shows that since 1939, the final has taken the minimum of four games six times, five games have been necessary seven times and the series has gone six games on three occasions. Only five times in 21 years has the final gone the limit . . . Going practically unnoticed this season was the fact that Jean Beliveau would probably have broken Maurice Richard's NHL record of 50 goals in one season but for an injury which caused him to miss six games completely and see spot duty only in five others. As it was, Beliveau was only six goals shy of a new record with his 45.

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AL DAVIES certainly confirmed the opinion that Victoria Evcoes are well protected in goal with his fine display in the summer soccer league opener at Macdonald Park yesterday. The big fellow is alert, quick and decisive, has good hands and instinct, kicks well enough and can throw the ball accurately. He'll even be more effective if he drops an odd shoulder into push opposing forwards . . . opening with a win was sweet but the first match also disclosed that Evcoes have two or three spots that could stand considerable strengthening and that more team speed is needed. They were too consistently beaten to the ball yesterday . . . Notre Dame's fighting "Irish" will have a familiar look for a couple of years to come. Best of their sophomore talent includes such sons of Erin as Joe Perkowski, Tom Bonofiglio, George Sefcik, Nick Buoniconti, Mike Giacinto, Joe Carollo, Tom Hecamovich and Jim Mikacich. Not one guy named Tang . . . major league baseball attendance indicates that the early opening isn't going to help much. During the past couple of days there have been "crowds" of 2,256 at Chicago (White Sox), 3,228 at Cincinnati, 3,424 at Cleveland and 4,713 at Kansas City . . . Ted Williams, it is reported, got that bad neck while fooling around pitching batting practice during spring training. Last season Duke Snider got a sore arm trying to see if he could throw a ball over the left-field fence in Los Angeles Coliseum from home plate. With Williams a $125,000 a year outfielder and Snider in the $50,000 class, it makes one wonder if some ball-players ever grow up.

VICTORIA SHAMROCKS will have to find their old-time spirit and depend on a complete return to form of Derry Davies, Jim McNulty and Al Gill to make any big gains in the Inter-City Lacrosse League this season. Failure to make an important player addition and what appears to be the almost certain loss of Pee Wee Bradshaw is going to make it exceedingly difficult to make up much ground . . . And this is particularly true because Nanaimo, the third-place club last year, appears to have improved the most, picking up needed depth with the addition of Bill Bamford, John Lumley, Walt Harris and Gary Moore, one of the stars of the 1958 Minto Cup playdowns . . . Jack Bionda, it is reported from a good source, has definitely signed a player from with New Westminster Salmonbellies and if he plays senior lacrosse this season it will be in the Royal City . . . biggest salmon of the year in the Pacific Northwest, as far as is known, is the 32-pounder caught last week by Seattle-angler R. C. Chambers off Hope Island . . . Victoria's Pat Barclay has been selected to the team of 12 which will represent the Royal Canadian Army Cadets in National Rifle Association matches at Bisley, July 1-August 6 . . . last week's issue of Look included a fine baseball yarn in which Casey Stengel, manager of the New York Yankees, called Joe DiMaggio the greatest player he ever managed and Mickey Mantle a "special problem." Mantle's big handicap, Stengel says, "is his furious temper. With his ability he could lead the league in five departments" . . . Fred Lalonde, a distant relative of the fabulous Newsy Lalonde, is trying to make it in the Inter-City Lacrosse League this season with Vancouver .

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GUESSING DEPARTMENT: Calgary over Seattle in tonight's WHL playoff game, Whitby Dunlops to take the lead in the Allan Cup final. Batting average to date: At bat 39, hits 19, percentage .487.

Rookie Boileau Sparks Totems

SEATTLE — Rookie Marc Boileau, who plugged along to get 17 goals in 67 league games and then suddenly found himself in the playoffs, last night led Seattle Totems to a 4-2 win over Calgary Stampeders and a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven Western Hockey League final.

Boileau regained his goal-a-game pace when he came up with two of the finest goals of the playoffs in the third period to break a 2-2 tie. They were his 10th and 11th goals in 11 post-season games.

Bill MacFarland, left-winger on the top Seattle line of Rudy Filion, MacFarland and Boileau, got the other two Seattle goals. Ron Leopold and Chuck Blair scored for Calgary.

Fourth game is scheduled here tonight.

FIRST PERIOD

1. Seattle, MacFarland (Fonteyne, Sinclair) 7.30.
2. Calgary, Leopold (Glover, Jankowski) 15.50.

Penalties: Finney 7.04, Ward 11.35, Arnett 11.35, 15.50, Hunt 13.32, Erickson 15.30.

SECOND PERIOD

3. Calgary, C. Blair (Dorohoy, Finney) 7.54.
4. Seattle, MacFarland (Filion, McVie) 17.43.

Penalties: Dorohoy 5.15; Hucul 11.54, McVie 11.54, Arnett 17.54.

THIRD PERIOD

5. Seattle, Boileau (Filion) 1.09.
6. Seattle, Boileau (Arnett) 10.13.

Penalties: Ward (two minors) 11.11.

Stops:

Edwards	6	8	7	21
Bentley	9	8	5	22

Mexican Holiday For Lucky Angler

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A special prize for the growing number of lady anglers is a fitted Elizabeth Arden cosmetic case donated by the T. Eaton Co. Ltd. In addition, there will be other prizes to be announced later.

There will be a large number of monthly hidden-weight prizes.

And anglers will again be competing for the handsome and exclusive King Fishermen trophies and "Prince" crests. A King Fisherman trophy is awarded to the fisherman entering the largest fish in each of the contest's five divisions—trout, small-mouth black bass and tyee, coho and spring salmon. Anglers entering the 25 largest fish in each division each month will be awarded a crest.

OPEN TO ALL

The contest is open to everyone fishing in waters on or surrounding Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands—except holders of commercial fishing licences and professional guides. Trophies and crests are in "open" competition, but only daily subscribers to the Colonist, other than employees of Victoria Press and their immediate families, will be eligible to win any of the merchandise prizes.

Contest rules are simple. Fish may be caught by either trolling or casting, but rod and reel must be used. They must be weighed in at one of the official weigh-in stations and the entry form must be signed by the proprietor or an employee. As noted above, trout and small-mouth black bass must weigh one pound or more to qualify and salmon must weigh five pounds or more.

Humpback salmon may be entered in the spring salmon division.

A list of weigh-in stations will be published from time to time in the Colonist.

City business firms have donated valuable merchandise prizes which will go to the Colonist subscriber entering the largest fish in each of the five divisions:

Trout—A Jeubro tent and two sleeping bags from Jeune Brothers of Victoria Ltd.

Bass—$100 worth of Imperial Oil products from Imperial Oil Co. Ltd.

Coho salmon—Three-horsepower Viking outboard motor from the T. Eaton Co. Ltd.

Spring salmon—Youngstown food disposal unit from W. R. Menzies & Co. Ltd.

Tyee salmon—Made-to-measure suit of clothes from George Straith Ltd.

Where to Fish or Hunt — SOLUNAR TABLES by John Allen Knight

According to Solunar Tables calculated for this area, the best times for fishing and hunting for today and tomorrow will be as follows (Times shown are Pacific Standard Time):

TODAY

A.M. Minor	A.M. Major	P.M. Minor	P.M. Major
1.50	8.10	2.25	8.35

TOMORROW

2.45	9.05	3.20	9.30

Major solunar periods, lasting 1½ to 2 hours, dark type.
Minor periods, shorter in duration, light type.

How About Those Indians? Unbeaten, Two in Front

Cleveland's surprising Indians, two games out front in the American League, are now the only unbeaten major league team.

Combining effective pitching with timely hitting, the Indians have won six in a row and already have fans wondering if they might not be able to give New York Yankees a real pennant battle.

Yesterday, Don Ferrarese pitched steadily and easily behind a huge early lead as the Indians kept going with a 13-4 trouncing of Kansas City Athletics. Woody Held hit his fourth home run for the winners and Billy Martin, Rocky Colavito, and Vic Power all blasted their first.

Meanwhile, Milwaukee Braves lost after winning four in a row as Pittsburgh Pirates came up with their first win in six starts, 11-5. Pitcher Vern Law belted a two-run homer and battery mate Smoky Burgess cracked a three-run homer as the Pirates made sure after some tough-luck defeats.

San Francisco Giants, getting the season's outstanding pitching performance from Jack Sanford, moved within a half game of the National League lead by thumping St. Louis Cardinals, 8-1.

Sanford pitched a one-hitter after a shaky first inning when two walks, a hit batsman and a sacrifice fly produced a St. Louis run. The only hit off Sanford was a pinch-hit single by Stan Musial in the seventh inning. Orlando Cepeda hit his fifth home run and Andre Rodgers his first to give Sanford all the help he needed.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Milwaukee	4	1	.800	
San Francisco	5	3	.625	½
Philadelphia	3	2	.600	1
Chicago	4	3	.571	1
Los Angeles	4	3	.571	1
Cincinnati	3	3	.500	1½
St. Louis	2	6	.250	3½
Pittsburgh	1	5	.167	3½

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Cleveland	6	0	1.000	
New York	4	2	.667	2
Chicago	5	3	.625	2
Boston	3	3	.500	3
Baltimore	3	3	.500	3
Washington	2	4	.333	4
Kansas City	2	5	.286	4½
Detroit	1	6	.143	5½

Philadelphia	044 230 010	14	15	0
Cincinnati	210 030 003	9	10	3

Morehead, Schroll (3) and Sawatski, Hegan (3); Newcombe, Cuellar (2), Schmidt (4), Acker (5), Mabe (6), Jeffcoat (8) and Bailey. Home runs: Philadelphia, Freese (1st); Cincinnati, Lynch (1st), Robinson (2nd), McMillan (1st and 2nd.)

Pittsburgh	133 040 000	11	11	1
Milwaukee	002 000 300	5	10	3

Law and Burgess; Buhl, Jay (2), Pizzarro (3), Giggie (8) and Rice. Home runs: Pittsburgh, Law (1st), Burgess (1st); Milwaukee, Aaron (2nd).

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York	060 123 040	16	18	0
Boston	110 001 202	7	14	1

Mass, Coates (8) and Howard; Bousfield, Sisler (2), Monbouquette (6), Fornieles (8), Kiely (9) and White. Homers: New York, Bauer (1st), Skowron (2nd), Carey (1st); Boston, Jensen (1st and 2nd).

Detroit	002 000 201	5	12	0
Chicago	000 000 200	2	5	4

Hoeft, Morgan (7) and Berberet; Moore, Shaw (7), Staley (9) and Romano. Homers: Detroit, Yost (3rd).

Kansas City	000 001 210	4	9	3
Cleveland	142 004 01x	13	16	0

Terry, Freeman (2), Brunet (5), Meyer (7) and House; Ferrarese and Naragon. Homers: Kansas City, Maris (1st), Cleveland, Martin (1st), Power (1st), Colavito (1st), Held (4th).

Washington	001 000 000	1	8	3
Baltimore	010 001 40x	6	9	1

Stobbs, Valentinetti (8) and Fitz Gerald; Walker and Triandos. Homers: Baltimore, Triandos (2nd).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago	003 000 013	7	10	1
Los Angeles	302 201 00x	8	10	1

Scaffernoth, Buzhardt (1), Martin (4), Phillips (6), Singleton (8) and Neeman, S. Taylor (6); McDevitt, Fowler (5), Klippstein (8) and Roseboro. Home runs: Chicago, Walls (2nd), Banks (4th); Los Angeles, Larker (1st).

St. Louis	100 000 000	1	7	2
San Francisco	001 012 04x	8	11	1

McDaniel, Nunn (7), Clark (8), Gibson (8) and H. Smith; Sanford and Schmidt. Home runs: San Francisco, Cepeda (8th), Rodgers (1st).

PCL Baseball

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Vancouver	1	0	1.000	--
Seattle	2	1	.667	--
Portland	2	1	.667	--
Spokane	2	1	.667	--
Phoenix	1	2	.333	½
Sacramento	1	2	.333	½
San Diego	1	2	.333	½
Salt Lake City	0	1	.000	1

Portland	000 000 000	0	3	0
San Diego	202 000 01x	5	11	0

Cox, Davis (8) and Tornay; Podbellan and Retzer.

Seattle	001 000 120	4	11	0
Sacramento	100 000 002	3	8	1

Rabe and Bevan; Mickelsen, Davis (8), Dailey (8) and Roselli, Barragan (8).

Spokane	00(10) 221 0	15	14	1
Phoenix	720 000 2	11	10	4

(Seven Innings)

Gilombardo, Page (1), Scott (3), Patrick (7) and Sherry; Choate, Fricano (3); McMinn (3), Fitzgerald (5), Navarro (5), Bowers (6) and Stieglitz, Orsino (6).

Home runs, Spokane—Miles, Sherry Scott: Phoenix—Prescott.

SECOND GAME

Spokane	010 511 101	10	17	2
Phoenix	200 000 030	5	10	2

Grob and Williams; Wright, Navarro (4); Choate (9) and Stieglitz.

Home runs, Spokane—Bilko.

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